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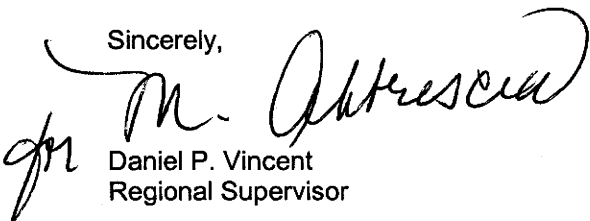
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Region One, has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Harry Horn unit of Flathead Lake State Park for the purpose of extending the power and water lines to provide lighting, electrical outlets, and a water hydrant for the picnic shelter and temporary ice skating rink.

A copy of the decision document is enclosed. The final environmental assessment may be viewed at or obtained from FWP, Region One, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Please direct your questions or comments to Jerry Sawyer, Park Operations Supervisor, FWP, (406) 751-4575 or e-mail to jsawyer@state.mt.us. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Daniel P. Vincent
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Enclosure

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Decision Notice
and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for Extension of the Water and Power Lines
at Harry Horn Park

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Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to extend local water and power lines to provide lighting, electrical outlets, and a frost-free water hydrant for the group picnic shelter at Harry Horn Park. The utilities will provide year-round lighting and power for use at the picnic shelter, and provide an accessible and convenient water source for shelter users. Additionally, the lighting will increase safety and security year-round for the parking area. The frost-free hydrant will also be utilized to maintain favorable ice conditions for the skating rink during winter months. This action will fulfill FWP's commitment to the local community and the Horn family by providing utilities to the shelter as originally planned when Harry Horn Park was developed.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment, I find that the extension of the water and power lines to Harry Horn park in Alternative 1 (adjacent to the road and parking lot) to be the preferred alternative. I have evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies, and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The final Environmental Assessment and the FONSI may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region One, Kalispell, Montana. Please direct requests and questions to Jerry Sawyer, Park Operations Supervisor, FWP, (406) 751-4575 or e-mail to jsawyer@state.mt.us.


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